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Joseph Woods Named Acting Deputy Warden at KCIW; C.A. Wilkerson Named Acting KCI Director

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 28, 2020) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Acting Commissioner Randy White announced today that Joseph Woods has been named acting deputy warden at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW) and that C.A. Wilkerson has been named acting director of Kentucky Correctional Industries (KCI).

Woods began his career with the Department of Corrections (DOC) in 2003 as a correctional officer at Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR). In 2004, he was promoted to sergeant, where he served as the interim director for the ambulance service at KSR. Woods was promoted to lieutenant in 2006 and then to captain in 2010. In 2012, Woods was promoted again, this time to production supervisor with KCI. In this role, he oversaw the license plate plant at the facility.

In 2014, Woods was promoted to operations manager and transferred to KCIW. He was responsible for the KCI plant at the prison, which included overseeing accreditation for the operation. In 2016, Woods was promoted to administrative branch manager of KCI. Most recently, he served as acting director of KCI based in Frankfort. While continuing to fulfill his obligations as branch manager, Woods also inspected facility operations across the state and ensured vacant positions were filled.

“Joe Woods is a highly capable, talented and seasoned employee knowledgeable of prison operations from his years of experience working at the facility level,” said White.

Woods is a longtime member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD). He is the recipient of the 2019 Deputy Commissioner’s Award for Adult Institutions.

Wilkerson began his career in state government in October 2006 when he was appointed executive director of the Kentucky Parole Board. In 2010, he was chosen as the assistant director of KCI for DOC where he oversaw management of all KCI operations facilities and was instrumental in preparing KCI for its initial American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation.

In 2014, Wilkerson began serving as the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) coordinator for the department. He was responsible for training DOC, jail, and community confinement facilities’ staff related to PREA investigations and standards. Wilkerson received credentials as a Department of Justice certified PREA auditor from 2016-2019 as well.

“Kentucky Correctional Industries will benefit from C.A. Wilkerson’s previous KCI experience and knowledge of state government,” said White. “He will be an excellent leader during the interim period and search for a permanent KCI director. I am appreciative of his willingness to assist during this transition.”

Wilkerson is a 1991 graduate of Hanover College where he received a bachelor’s degree in business administration. In addition to graduating from the Commissioner’s Executive Leadership Program in 2011, he received the Lucille Hurt Robuck Award in 2009 and a Commissioner’s Award in 2014. He was a member of the Association of Paroling Authorities International from 2006-2010, KCCD from 2006-2019, and the Southern States Correctional Association from 2010-2014.

Editor’s note: photos attached

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